

Man Pleads Guilty 11 Years After Fatal Car Crash

Woman sentenced after guilty plea to numerous burglaries around Sussex County

Eduardo Rodriguez, 32, entered a guilty plea related to a 2008 fatal car collision. In May 2008, Rodriguez, who was residing in Wilmington at the time, ran a red light on Maryland Avenue near Banning Park, and killed two elderly passengers in another vehicle. While pending trial after his arrest, Rodriguez was deported to his country of origin and the case remained open in the Delaware court system. In January 2019, New Castle City Police Officer William Thomas stopped a vehicle for an expired tag and the driver initially provided a false name on scene. The driver eventually identified himself as Rodriguez and he was arrested on his open warrant. Rodriguez pled guilty to Operation of a Motor Vehicle Causing Death and Criminal Impersonation. Upon accepting Rodriguez's plea, a Superior Court judge sentenced Rodriguez to the jail time he had served since his arrest in January followed by 11 months of probation. Deputy Attorney General Barzilai Axelrod prosecuted the case with assistance from social worker Kristen Fluharty-Emory, paralegal Jaevan Owens, and investigator John Ciritella. The initial investigation was handled by Sergeant Jeffrey Weaver while with the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

A 50-year-old Dagsboro woman pled guilty to her role in a number of burglaries. In October and November 2018, Christina Harvey and two accomplices either entered or attempted to enter many homes throughout Sussex County in the areas of Millsboro, Frankford, Georgetown, and Selbyville. Numerous items were stolen, including jewelry, electronics, and small appliances, and the burglars damaged several of the homes as well. Harvey pled guilty to 4 counts of Burglary Second Degree

and was immediately sentenced by a Superior Court judge to 4 years in prison including the completion of the KEY Substance Abuse Program, followed by 2 years of GPS-monitored probation. Harvey's accomplices, Kathy Hunsucker, 46, of Dagsboro, and Jennifer Robinson, 40, of Selbyville, are both awaiting trial. Deputy Attorney General Derek Gay prosecuted the case with assistance from administrative assistant Shannon Story.